





UNCTAD ASYCUDA Customs Transit Solutions

Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL)



UNCTAD ASYCUDA Programme in LLDCs



Vienna Programme of Action for LLDC for 2014-2024 Priority Area 3 (b) Trade Facilitation

- ▶ "Further streamlining and harmonization of customs and transit procedures and formalities and transparent and efficient border management and coordination of agencies involved in border clearance should have a concrete and direct impact on reducing the cost of doing trade and stimulating faster and competitive trade for landlocked developing countries"
- ► UNCTAD ASYCUDA Programme is operational in 21 LLDCs:
 - ASYCUDAWorld integrated Customs management systems;
 - Single Window systems, enhanced coordination of border agencies;
 - 100% DTI, streamlining of procedures, digitalization of customs documents;
 - E-borders, pre-arrival processing, automated control and monitoring of transit operations;;
 - Increased revenue collection, E-payment, automated calculation of duties;
 - Risk management, valuation control, post audit;
 - Anticorruption mechanism, minimization of physical checks, performance measurement
 - Real time statistics for economic decisions:
 - Cross-border paperless data exchange
- ► New projects for UNCTAD ASYCUDA technical assistance:
 - Republic of Tajikistan



ASYCUDA Programme in Action



Latest projects

Upcoming

Chad **ASYCUDAWorld**

ECOWAS SIGMAT

Georgia NCTS

ASYCUDAWorld Iraq

Mozambique @CITES

Pacific (PRISE) **ASYCUDAWorld**

Turkmenistan

Vanuatu

Zimbabwe

Angola

Barbados

St Vincent & Grenadines

Taiikistan ASYCUDAWorld

Regional and International Transit



The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Customs Interconnection Project with Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Togo and already exchanging data in real time with ASYCUDAWorld for multi-modal transport including rail and road.



Development of a NCTS application for GRS (Georgia Revenue Service) for implementing the Common transit procedure used for the movement of goods between Georgia and **EU/EFTA** and other designated member States.



Data processing and integration between eTIR international system and the information systems of the customs authorities to manage all information exchange as defined in the eTIR specifications.

Transit in ASYCUDA



Transit solutions deployed in ASYCUDA user countries

National, Regional, International transit

- ► ASYCUDA standard Transit, national transit solution (aligned with national requirements)
- ► ASYCUDA TIR, international transit solution (aligned with TIR-EPD/SafeTIR requirements)
- ► ASTANA-1 Transit between Kazakhstan and EAEU member states (aligned with EAEU legislation & requirements/regional transit + TIR-EPD)
- ► CTC/NCTS NTA P5 between Georgia and member states of Common Transit Convention (aligned with CTC/EU requirements)
- ► Regional Transit module (SIGMAT) between **ECOWAS** member states
- ▶ International transit eTIR under eTIR international system



ASYCUDA – Transit in ECOWAS





SIGMAT (ECOWAS Regional transit module)

► Technical and functional specifications defined with the **support of WCO** to exchange transit declarations messages between Customs clearances systems of ECOWAS member states (12 are using ASYCUDA out of 15)

► SIGMAT for road transport:

- Developed by 5 IT experts of ECOWAS region with the support of ASYCUDA experts (2018)
- Implemented in 2019 in 5 countries (2 LLDCs): Burkina, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger and Togo) for road transport
- Tested between Mali and Senegal (in 2020)
- Deployment planned in all ECOWAS countries / SIGMAT could be also used in other region (like CEMAC)

► SIGMAT for rail transport:

- Developed in 2020 and tested in 1st quarter of 2021
- Should be deployed before June 2021 between Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire

SIGMAT – Solution and results

▶ **Before:** A transit declaration has to be registered at the border of each country

▶ Solution:

- At the departure country, a transit declaration is registered and a copy is electronically sent to the transit and destination countries' systems
- Customs agents confirm the exit/entrance at the border or at the arrival at the destination office. Confirmations are sent electronically

▶ Results:

- Simplification of transit procedures (only 1 transit declaration registered)
- Shorter transit processing time



ASTANA-1 – Transit in EAEU





Streamlined Submission and Information sharing

Secure e-Borders (Large-scale business transformation)

100% End-to-End electronic processing of information

- ▶ Data pipeline to streamline border processes electronic declarations and notifications:
 - electronic Pre-arrival Information (Safety and security declarations; standard or simplified),
 - electronic Transit (Union or TIR Carnet),
 - electronic Declaration for Temporary Admission of vehicle, Guarantee Certificate or Escort decision where applicable),
 - electronic Temporary Storage Document.
 - Management of digital images of supporting documents
- ▶ Data transformation/Re-use of data and automatic reconciliation for seamless flow of information: Pre-arrival **7** Arrival/Presentation **7** Transit **7** Temporary Storage **7** Clearance



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Streamlined Submission and Information sharing

Secure e-Borders (Large-scale business transformation)

Automatic Exchange of Information (national, Customs Union and international level)

- ► Information Exchange messages with KTZ (National Railway Company)
- ► Information Exchange messages with IRU (TIR EPD, SAFETIR etc.)
- ► Information Exchange messages with Customs Union countries (EAEU, incoming and outgoing)

Assisting traders to easily comply with relevant legal requirements

- ► SMS and internal/external email alerts and notifications about the status of documents during the movement
- Notification mandatory documents to be presented upon arrival (application of NTMs) and possible interventions to be performed by **OGAs**



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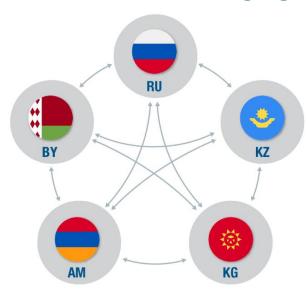


Data Exchange with Eurasian Economic Union



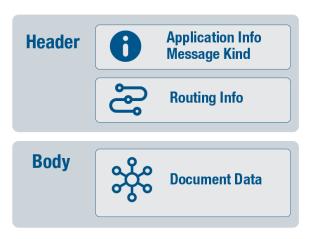
Messaging Service with the Customs Union

Peer to Peer messaging



Types of messages:

- 1. Customs Automatic Messages (Open/close Transit, etc.)
- 2. Inquiry Messages based on **User requests**
- 3. Technical Messages (e.g. Results)



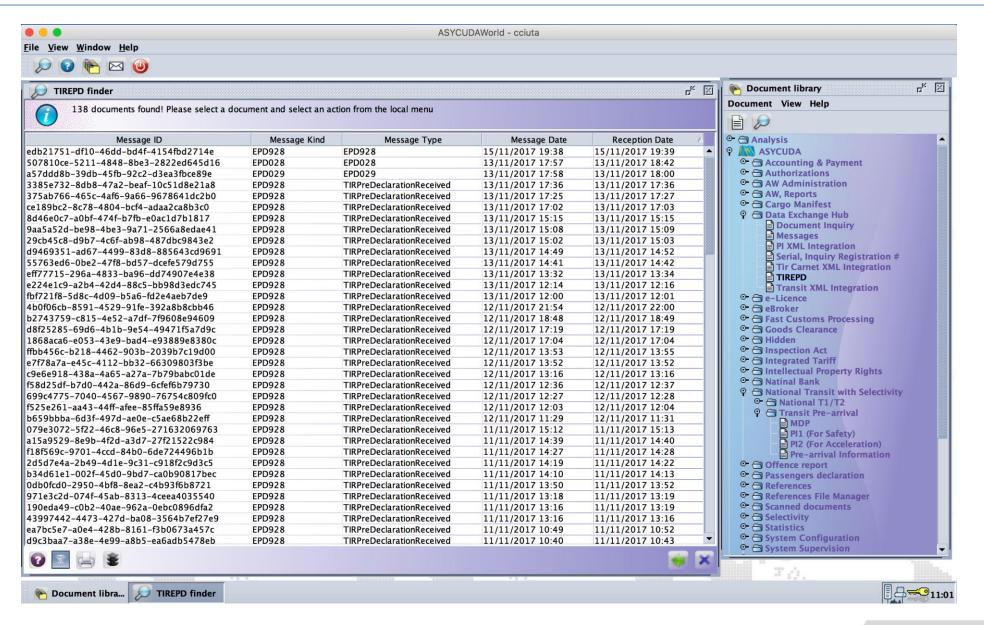
Message Envelope:

- 1. Information on Application generating the message
- 2. Message Type
- 3. Routing Information (sender and receivers)
- 4. The Body contains the payload (document data)

ASTANA-1 – International transit under TIR Convention







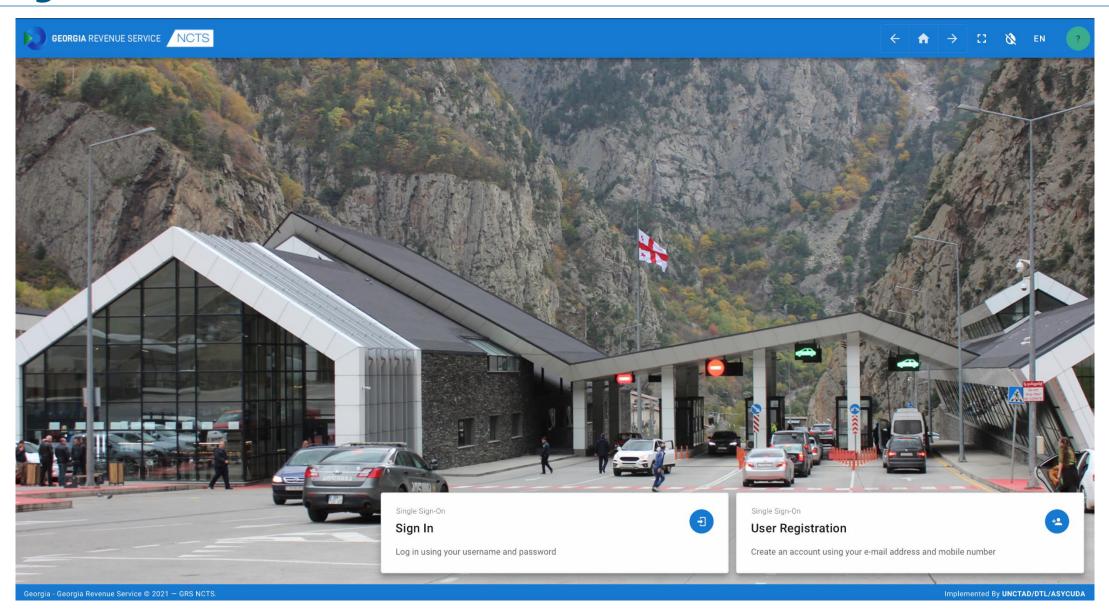


Development and implementation of NTCS system of GRS

Specific objectives

- **▶** Develop a National Transit Application (NCTS-NTA) aligned with the NCTS-P5 specifications and national requirements, including country specific deviations
- ► Implement the NCTS-NTA capabilities into the operational GRS eCustoms environment, ensuring full interoperability with existing eCustoms subsystems
- ► Further strengthen the trade facilitation by simplifying the trading environment in terms of customs procedures and documentation, while improving the customs supervision and monitoring





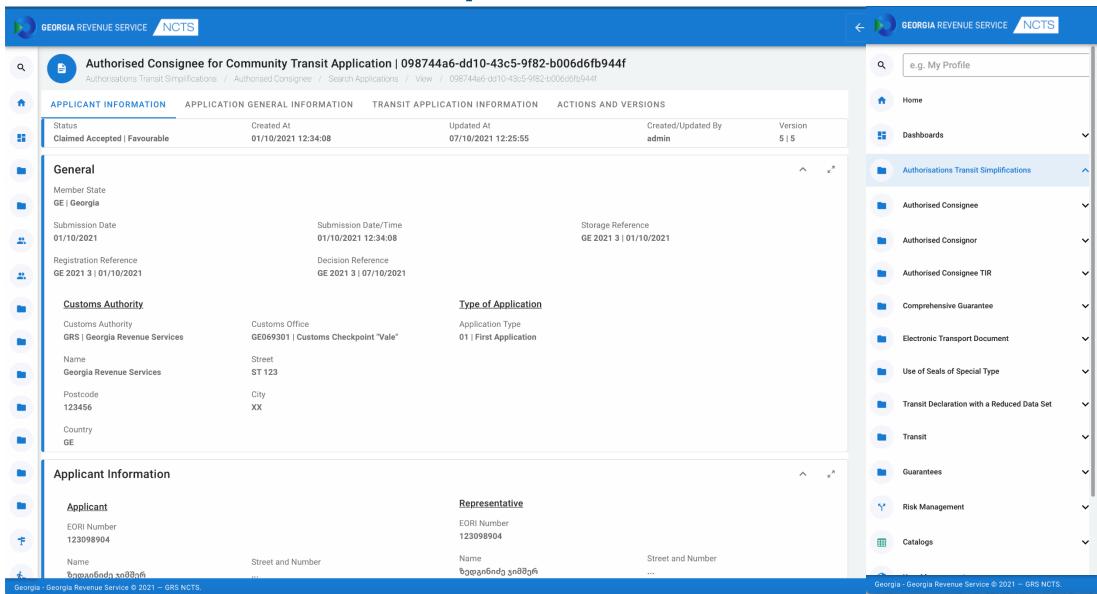
Authorisations module



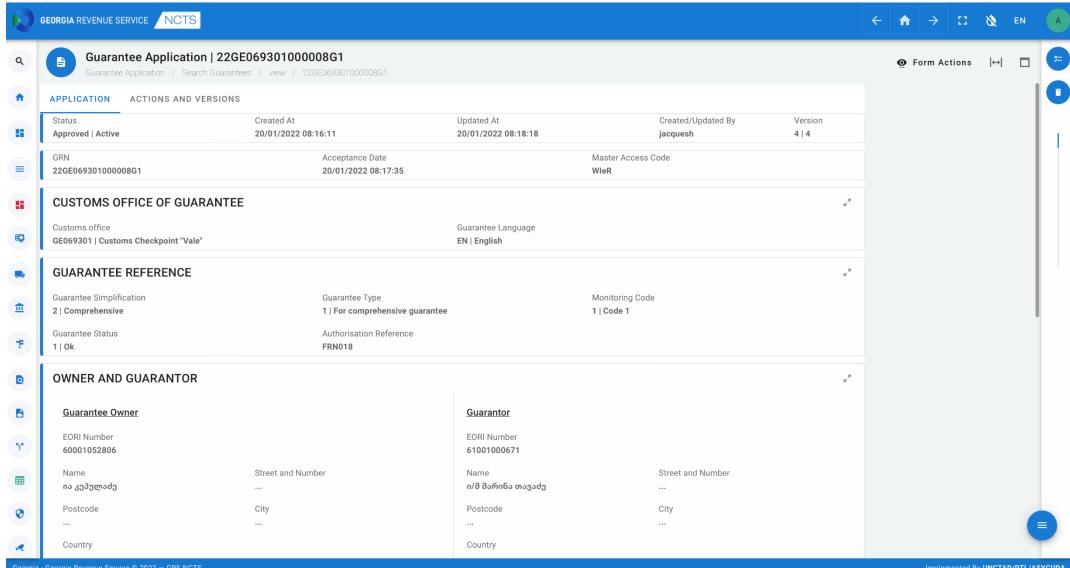
Authorisations for Transit simplifications

- Authorisation for the status of authorised consignee for Common transit
- Authorisation for the status of authorised consignee for TIR operation
- Authorisation for the status of authorised consignor for Common transit
- Authorisation for the provision of a comprehensive guarantee, including possible reduction or waiver
- Authorisation to use of seals of a special type
- Authorisation to use transit declaration with a reduced dataset
- Authorisation for the use of an electronic transport document as customs declaration

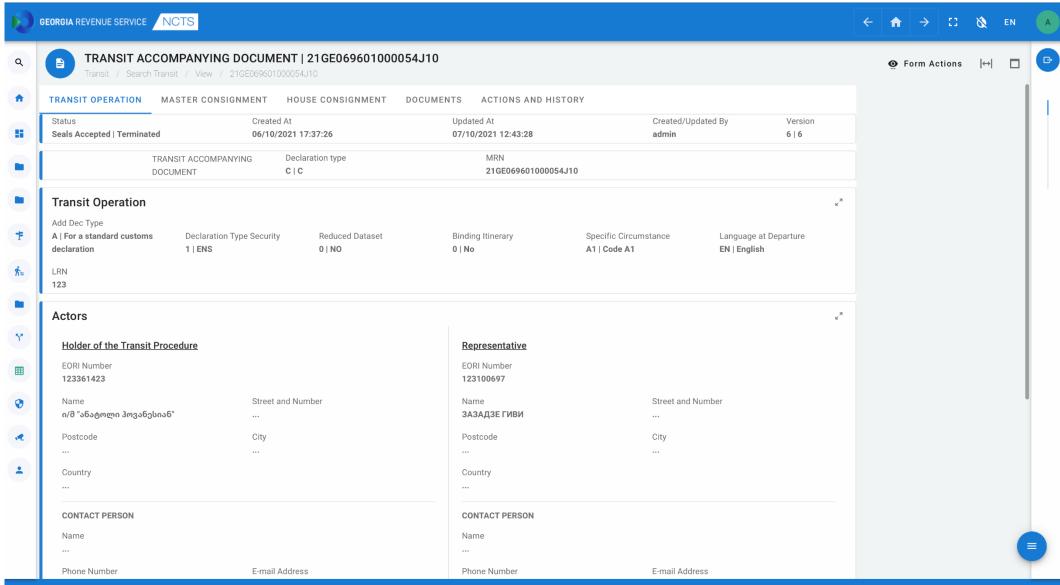
Authorisation module/component



Guarantee Management module/component



Transit declaration



Albania - Kosovo/Serbia





Albania – Kosovo/Serbia Common Transit System CTS

- System-to-System exchange of electronic data
- ► One single transit declaration covering the movement
- Mutual recognition of guarantee system
- Mutual recognition of Customs controls and procedures, seals and stamps
- Notification Crossing Frontier (NCF)
- Common Management of Reference Data (technical and business code lists, system messages and notifications)
- ► Joint Customs controls at shared Border Crossing Point Morine-Vërmice



Turkmenistan





Facilitation of Silk Road transit

- ► Digitalization of TIR operations by the State Customs Service of Turkmenistan
- Customs data exchange between ASYCUDA systems of Turkmenistan and Afghanistan implemented
- ► Transit data exchange with Azerbaijan in progress
- ► Transit data exchange with Iran in progress
- ► Regional transit corridors



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan





Cross-border Data Exchange with neighboring countries

- ► 2017-2018: piloting of transit data exchange between ASYCUDA system of Afghan Customs department and UAIS of the Customs Service under the Government of Tajikistan
- ▶ **2018-2019:** transit data exchange piloting between the Afghan Customs Department and Iranian Customs Administration (IRICA)
- ▶ 2019: automated export data exchange mechanism successfully tested between the ASYCUDA ACD and UAIS of State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan
- ▶ **2020-2021:** implementation of transit data exchange between ASYCUDA systems of ACD and State Customs Service of Turkmenistan

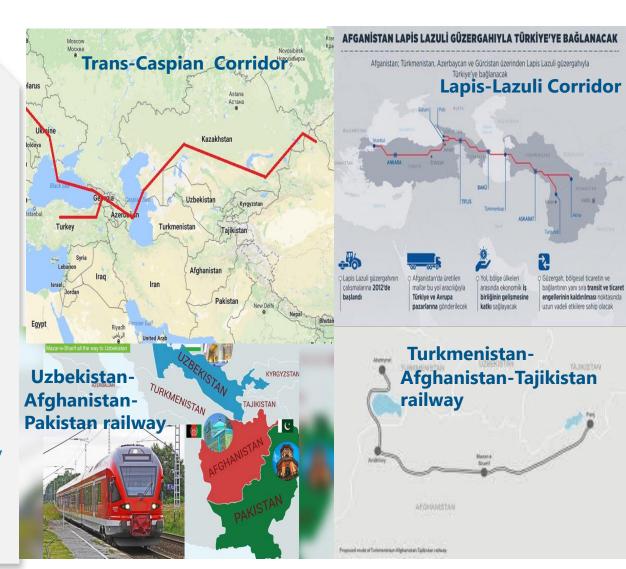




Sub-Regional transit initiatives

Cross-border Data Exchange

- **Afghanistan-Iran** data exchange, piloted successfully
- **Afghanistan-Uzbekistan** data exchange, ;piloted successfully
- Afghanistan-Tajikistan data exchange, piloted successfully
- **Afghanistan-Pakistan** data exchange, in progress
- **Georgia-Turkey** data exchange, piloted successfully
- **Georgia-Azerbaijan** data exchange, in progress
- Kazakhstan-China data exchange, fully operational
- Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan data exchange, fully operational
- **Turkmenistan-Iran** data exchange, in progress
- **Turkmenistan-Afghanistan** data exchange, piloted successfully
- **Turkmenistan-Azerbaijan** data exchange, in progress







THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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